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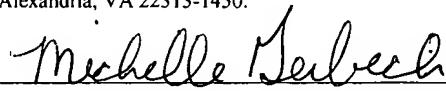
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Title: "Methods and Apparatus for Improved Security Services"
Attorney Ref: MET580/4-001US

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1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 page + 1 copy)
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (1 page + 1 copy)
4. Fee Transmittal 2005 (1 page)
5. Amendment/Response to Office Action Dated June 28, 2006 (11 pages)

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/035,707
Filing Date	December 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hays et al.
Examiner Name	Cheryl Maria Shechtman
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Attorney Docket No.	MET580/4-001US

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination and One Month Extension Fees

910.00

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